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DOYLE ACTIVATES EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today activated the Emergency Operation Center (E.O.C) as a precautionary measure in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. In addition, Doyle closed all County office buildings and the Greater Rochester International Airport until further notice.

"These horrific attacks are stomach wrenching, outrageous and unforgivable," said Doyle. "The safety of our community is my utmost priority and the E.O.C. will remain open as long as is necessary."

Present at the E.O.C. are various police agencies, the American Red Cross, Monroe County Departments of Health and Social Services, New York State Department of Transportation, Emergency Medical Services, Rochester Gas and Electric and other organizations charged with the safety and well-being of residents.

All schools are presently open and the decision to close them is at the discretion of the individual school district superintendents. Roads remain open and businesses with global interests are meeting to determine if they should close.

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Editors Note: A briefing will be scheduled later today.